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To: All Outpatient Hospitals

Mandatory CCI Software

Effective October 1, 2006, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will require all outpatient hospital providers to use the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) software prior to submitting claims for payment. Hospitals will be allowed a grace period through December 31, 2006 in order to implement CCI edits within their systems. The purpose of the CCI edits is to ensure the most comprehensive groups of codes are billed rather than component parts. CCI edits also check for mutually exclusive code pairs. Medicaid uses CCI edits as one of several audit tools during post-payment reviews.

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